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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**EDWARD T. WEI, MARK J. QUILLAN,  
WOLFGANG SADEE, and GUENNADY P.  
VLASOV**

Examiner: Michael L. Borin

Application No.: **09/849,592**

Art Unit: 1631

Filed: **05/04/2001**

For: **MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR  
ANTAGONISTS AND MODULATIONS OF  
MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR ACTIVITY**

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003, containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months.  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: